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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 1, line 2, applicant states "at least one handle parts". It is believed that "parts" (**replete in claim 1 and once in line 3 of claim 3**) should be corrected to -- part -- throughout the claim(s) to be in uniformity and proper antecedent basis. Further in claim 1, line 3, remove "and" after "portion;" but re insert --and -- after "elements;" in line 17. In line 19 insert -- the-- before "other". In line 20 insert "of" after "threaded holes".

Regarding claim 2, line 8, change "inner" to -- inward --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 6,317,930 to Hung. Hung discloses a handle device of various products, comprising;

at least one handle part (1), each handle part having two folded ends, each formed with a connecting tail end portion (11); a plurality of inward and outwards metallic connecting blocks (2, 3); the inward and the outwards metallic connecting blocks (2) being each formed with a

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holding cavity at a first end thereof (23), and are fitted over the connecting tail end portions of the handle part at the holding cavities thereof; the handle part being each formed with a through hole (13) across the connecting tail end portion thereof; the metallic connecting blocks (3) being formed with two alignment through holes (32) arranged to be aligned with a corresponding handle part through hole; the metallic connecting blocks being secured to the handle part by means of securing elements (4), which are passed into the aligned through holes thereof as well as the through holes of the handle part; protective tubes (5) being fitted over respective ones of the connecting blocks and the securing elements; and the outwards metallic connecting blocks being each formed with a threaded hole (22, 312) at its other end thereof so that bolts (31) can be passed through holes on a machine (10), and screwed into the threaded holes of the outwards metallic connecting blocks to secure the handle part to the machine.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion

Additional references are cited on the PTO 892 form but were not used to determine patentability of this application instead the references gave background information on various bar-type door handle assemblies.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andre' L. Jackson whose telephone number is (703) 605-4276. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (10 am - 6 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy J. Swann can be reached on (703) 306-4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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